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NEWS.

MR. WALTER R. SHAW has been appointed assistant professor of botany at Pomona College, Claremont, Col.

MR. A. I. ERIKSSON (Tufts College) has issued a catalogue of natural history books and authors' separates which will be of interest to botanists.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at Columbia University, New York, June 25-30, 1900. Titles and abstracts of botanical papers should be sent at once to the secretary of Section G, Dr. D. T. MacDougal, N. Y. Botanical Garden, N. Y. City.

ACCORDING TO the *Revue Bryologique* Dr. A. J. Grout, of the Boys High School, Brooklyn, N. Y., is intending to publish *exsiccati* of the pleurocarpous mosses of North America, "with the cooperation of the principal American bryologists." The first set, of twelve numbers, has just appeared. The price is to be \$7.50 per century.

THE LAWRENCE SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL of Harvard University has issued a preliminary announcement of a four-year course in landscape architecture, including botany in the first year, horticulture in the second, a study of plants in relation to landscape planting in the third and fourth years, and the infirmities of plants in the fourth year.

THE FIFTH annual mid-winter meeting of the Vermont Botanical Club was held at the University of Vermont, January 26 and 27. Many papers of general as well as of local interest were presented and discussed. The following officers were elected: president, Ezra Brainerd; vice president, C. G. Pringle; secretary and treasurer, L. R. Jones.

PROFESSOR RYOKICHI YATABE, founder of the Botanical Society of Japan, and for ten years its president, was drowned September 10, 1899, at Kamakura, where he was spending the summer. He studied in America and was the first professor of botany in the Imperial University of Japan. The December number of the Tokyo *Botanical Magazine* contains a fine portrait of him.

DR. N. L. BRITTON asks the BOTANICAL GAZETTE to announce that pressure of work during the latter part of last year made it impossible at that time for him to bring his address as retiring president of the Botanical Society of America into satisfactory form for the usual publication. The

substance of the address, however, will appear in *Bulletin no. 5* of the New York Botanical Garden, now in press.

WITH THE conclusion of the seventh volume, December 1899, M. Eugène Autran announced that the publication of the *Bulletin de l'Herbier Boissier* terminates. It will be welcome news to taxonomists, who have learned to look to the *Bulletin* for work of the highest quality, that a successor has already appeared in the *Mémoirs*, having much the same form, but consisting of a series of separate papers issued at irregular intervals.

PRESIDENT HADLEY has made the welcome announcement that a school of forestry is to be established at Yale University. It is promised that the "principles of botany" are to form an important part of the instruction. It would be most gratifying to botanists if the science in its modern aspects and development should be fully presented at Yale, which, in this particular, has long lagged far behind most western institutions and her great New England rival, Harvard.

THE FIRST number of the *Journal* of the New York Botanical Garden was issued with the beginning of the year. It is an interesting 16-page number, with a late photograph of the museum building as a frontispiece. The *Journal* is to be edited by Dr. D. T. MacDougal, and will be published monthly, containing illustrated non-technical articles, news, notes, etc., of general interest. The publications of the Garden now comprise four series: the *Journal*, the *Bulletin*, the *Mémoirs*, and the *Contributions*, the latter including reprints from publications other than the first three. Such multiplication of titles is unfortunate, because it increases the chances for error in citation and the labor of keeping track of publications. The Garden is following the bad example of some older institutions in this respect, notably the Buitenzorg Garden, which has recently established the *sixth* series of its publications. We wish the New York Garden would lead a reform in this respect.